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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of William  
4 "Skip" Dempsey of Decatur, who passed away on April 13, 2007;  
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6           WHEREAS, William Dempsey was born August 27, 1945, in Bel  
7 Air, Maryland, the son of William H. and Audrey N. (Proffitt)  
8 Dempsey; he later married Carla Ann Patterson on April 22,  
9 1966, in Toledo; and

10           WHEREAS, William Dempsey was an instructor at Purdue  
11 University from 1974 to 1984; he also served as Training  
12 Coordinator for Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #65, from 1975  
13 to 1987 and then continued as a Business Agent from 1988 until  
14 his retirement in 2002; and

15           WHEREAS, William Dempsey accepted a position with the  
16 Illinois Department of Revenue, serving in the area of labor  
17 relations for 2 1/2 years; he was Past President of the Decatur  
18 Building and Construction Trades Educational Planning  
19 Committee for Decatur Public Schools District 61, a member of  
20 the Decatur Public Building Commission, a Past President of the  
21 Decatur Building and Construction Trades Council, a Past  
22 President of Decatur Trades and Labor, a Board Member of the

1 United Way of Decatur and Macon County, and a Co-Chairman of  
2 the Decatur Area Labor Management Committee and Steering  
3 Committee of Decatur Advantage; and

4 WHEREAS, William Dempsey enjoyed wood carving, Ducks  
5 Unlimited, assisting with his grandchildren's interests, local  
6 racing, and NASCAR; and

7 WHEREAS, William "Skip" Dempsey was preceded in death by  
8 his Dad, Wilbur Redman, who raised him; his brother, Donald  
9 Wayne Redman; and his step-father, Donald Geddes; and

10 WHEREAS, William "Skip" Dempsey is survived by his wife,  
11 Carla; his mother, Audrey Geddes; his father, William H.  
12 Dempsey; his daughter, Melissa (husband, Craig) Duff; his sons  
13 Shawn Dempsey and Patrick (companion, Theresa) Dempsey; his  
14 sisters Mary Jo (husband, Mike) Brace and Linda Orr; his  
15 grandchildren, Justin, Blane, Riley, Drake, Jaret, Halee,  
16 Kendra, and Winston; his nieces, Jennifer, Tracy, Molly, Katie,  
17 Claire, Jenny, and Jylna; and his Aunts Ruby, Irene, and  
18 Pauline; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of  
22 William "Skip" Dempsey; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of William "Skip" Dempsey as a symbol  
3 of our sympathy.